ARTICLES

of High Treaſon, and other high Miſdemeanours,

against the Lord *Kemolton*, Maſter *Denſill Hollis*, Maſter *Pym*, Sir *Arthur Haſilrige*, Maſter *Hamden*, and Maſter *Strounde*.

WITH THE CHARGE OF THE IMPEACHMENT OF THE *TVVELVE BISHOPS*,

Accuſed of High Treaſon, for preferring a Petition, and making a Proteſtation, to the ſubverting the Fundamentall Lawes and Being of *Parliaments*.

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I.

THat they have Trayterouſly endevoured to ſubvert the Fundamentall Lawes and Government of the Kingdome of *England*, to deprive the King of Regall Power, and to place in his Subiects an Arbitrarie and Tyrannicall Power over the Lives, Liberties, and Eſtates of his Maieſties Liege People.

II.

That they have Trayterouſly endevoured by many foule aſperſions upon his Maieſtie, and his Government, to alienate the affections of his People, and to make his Maieſtie odious to them.

III.

They have endevoured to draw his Maieſties late Armie to diſobedience of his Maieſties

Commands, and to ſide with them in their Trayterous Deſignes.

IIII.

That they have Trayterouſly invited and encouraged a Forraine Power to invade his Majeſties Kingdome of *England*.

V.

That they have endevoured to ſubvert the Rights and very Being of Parliament.

VI.

That for compleating their Trayterous Deſignes, they have endevoured, as farre as in them lay, by force and terror to compell the Parliament to ioyne with them in their Trayterous Deſignes; and to that end, have actually rayſed and countenanced Tumults againſt the King and Parliament.

VII.

That they have Trayterouſly conſpired to levie, and have actually levied Warre againſt the King:

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The Charge of the Impeachment of the Twelve *BISHOPS.*

THE House of the Lords was pleased, on the thirtieth of *December*, to send a Message to the House of Commons by Sir *John Banks*, and Iudge *Reeves*, to desire a present Conference, by a Committee of both Houses, touching matters of dangerous and high consequence.

And at the Conference, the Lord Keeper, in the name of the House of Peeres delivered, as followeth:

That this Petition and Protestation of the twelve Bishops, containing matters of high and dangerous consequence, and such as my Lords are verie sensible of, and such as require a speedy and suddaine Resolution; it extending to the deepe entrenching upon the Fundamentall Priviledges and Being of Parliament.

Therefore the Lords have thought fit, that this matter, concerning the whole Parliament, may be communicated to the House of Commons; it being a thing of so great and so generall concernment.

This being thus communicated to the House of Commons, they came to this Resolution, To accuse these 12 Bishops of high Treason, for endeavouring to subvert the Fundamentall Laws, and Being of Parliaments.

And Master *Glinne* was ordered to goe to the Lords, and at their Barre, in the name of the House of Commons, and all the Commons of *England*, to accuse these twelve Prelates of High Treason, for endeavouring to subvert the Fundamentall Lawes of the Realm, and the very Being of Parliaments, manifested by preferring the Petition and Protestation; And to desire the Lords that they may be forthwith sequestred from Parliament, and put into safe custody; and that their Lordships would appoynt a speedy day for the Commons to Charge them, and they to answer, for that the Commons were ready to make good their Charge.

Hee was further ordered to give the Lords thanks, for communicating this Petition with so much affection and speed, and for expressing their sense thereof.

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After Master *Glin* had delivered this at the Barre, the Lords sent the Black Rod instantly, to finde out these Bishop, and apprehend them: and by eight of the Clock at night they were all taken and brought upon their knees to the Bar, and ten of them committed to the Tower; and two (in regard of their Age, and indeed of the worthy parts of one of them, the learned Bishop of *Durham*) were committed to the Black Rod.

FINIS.